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SUBJECT: PALESTINE DEBATE IN 30TH GA

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1. CONFRONTATION IS GROWING BETWEEN EGYPT ON ONE HAND AND SYRIA AND PLO ON THE OTHER OVER TWO COMPETING PALESTINE RESOLUTIONS (REFTELS).

2. EGYPT HAS NOW FORMALLY INTRODUCED ITS RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVITATION TO PLO TO ATTEND GENEVA CONFERENCE. THIS DRAFT HAS AT PRESENT 13 COSPONSORS, MOST REMARKABLY INCLUDING ONLY TWO ARABS -- SUDAN AND OMAN. (OTHERS ARE IRAN, CYPRUS AND EIGHT AFRICANS.) SYRIAN/PLO LOBBYING AGAINST EGYPTIAN DRAFT HAS REACHED SUCH A PITCH THAT SPECULATION HAS BEGUN IT MIGHT NOT
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BE ADOPTED. PLO ATTITUDE IS REFLECTED IN STATEMENT TO NEW YORK

TIMES CORRESPONDENT THAT PLO MIGHT CONSIDER SUPPORTING EGYPTIAN TEXT IF A) PREAMBULAR PARA 2 RECALLING GA RESOLUTION 3236 WERE MADE OPERATIVE AND B) PLO WERE REFERRED TO IN OPERATIVE PARA 1 AS "A PRINCIPAL PARTY" TO THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS, INSTEAD OF BEING INVITED TO PARTICIPATE " ON AN EQUAL FOOTING" WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS. THIS ATTITUDE IS THE MORE GALLING TO EGYPTIANS SINCE, AS EARLIER REPORTED, THEY ALREADY NEGOTIATED THE TEXT WITH PLO.

3. SYRIA MEANWHILE IS CONTINUING ITS EFFORTS TO HOLD A SEPARATE MIDDLE EAST DEBATE LATER THIS MONTH. EGYPTIANS SEE THIS AS A PLATFORM FOR ATTACKING THEM FOR CONCLUDING A SEPARATE AGREEMENT. THEY ARE ACCORDINGLY TRYING TO DIVERT IT BY DEMANDING IT BE PRECEDED BY HIGH LEVEL ARAB CONSULTATIONS AIMED AT DEVELOPING A UNITED ARAB POSITION.

4. SPONSORS OF FIRST (SYRIA/PLO) RESOLUTION, ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GA RESOLUTION 3236, EVIDENTLY PLAN TO INTRODUCE DRAFT NOVEMBER 5. OUR NON-ALIGNED ONCTACTS TELL US THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL IN HAVING DELETED THE REFERENCE IN OPERATIVE PARA 4 TO ARTICLES 5 AND 6 OF THE UN CHARTER (ON SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION.)

5. EC-9 DO NOT AS YET HAVE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS ON THE TWO PALESTINE DRAFTS. ITALIANS THINK LIKELIHOOD IS THAT NINE WILL VOTE AGAINST FIRST RESOLUTION AND ABSTAIN ON EGYPTIAN DRAFT.

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